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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6321

BILL NUMBER: HB 1032

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 8, 2014

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Redistricting Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith M

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

Redistricting Commission- The bill establishes a Redistricting Commission to create, hold hearings on, take public comment about, and recommend plans to redraw General Assembly districts and congressional districts.

Commission Staff and Administrative Services- The bill requires the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to provide staff and administrative services to the Commission. It establishes standards to govern the Commission and the LSA in the creation of redistricting plans.

General Assembly Action- The bill also provides that if the Constitution of the State of Indiana does not require the General Assembly to establish legislative districts, the Commission's recommendations for legislative and congressional districts become the plans that define those districts. The bill provides that, if the Constitution so requires, the General Assembly must meet and enact redistricting plans before October 1 of a redistricting year. The bill authorizes the General Assembly to convene in a session to act on redistricting bills at times other than the times the General Assembly is currently authorized to meet.

Repealer- The bill repeals the current law establishing a Redistricting Commission for congressional redistricting.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Redistricting Commission-* The proposed Commission would have five members. Commission members would be required, during a redistricting year, to hold one public hearing in each U.S. congressional district in Indiana, plus an additional meeting in Marion County. Public notice would be required 10 days prior to each meeting. There would be additional expense if the notices were posted in newspapers of general circulation within the congressional districts and Marion County. Meetings would have to be concluded by June 30 of a redistricting year. The Commission would be required to adopt its recommendations to the General Assembly by August 1 of a redistricting year.

The members would be eligible to receive the same per diem and mileage reimbursement for their service as an interim study committee established by the Legislative Council. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to cover the Commission members' expenses to operate will depend on future legislative and/or administrative actions.

Commission Staff and Administration- During a redistricting year (the next redistricting is in 2021) employees of the LSA would staff commission meetings, produce maps, create map descriptions, and receive and evaluate publicly submitted maps and comments on the commission's behalf. The bill's requirements are within the LSA's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency workload, staffing, and resource levels.

General Assembly Action- In a redistricting year, the General Assembly would meet to consider the Commission's redistricting plan recommendation and to enact legislation before October 1. Given that action by the General Assembly must occur before October 1 in a redistricting year, a special session would likely be required to consider the Commission's recommendation. The following table presents a cost estimate for a six-day special session. However, since the bill does not specify the length of a special session, the actual cost would depend on future legislative action.

Estimated Costs for a Six-Day Special Session	
Legislators (150 total)	Six Session Days
Per Diem*	\$85,860
Travel**	\$15,902
Total***	\$101,762
<p>* Effective 10/1/14, legislators receive \$159 per diem for every day in session (including Saturday and Sunday) and \$63.60 per diem for every day not in session. The net effect on expenditures is an additional \$95.40 per diem for every day in session.</p> <p>** Legislators are entitled to mileage for one round trip per week while in session.</p> <p>*** The House and Senate would also incur an unknown minor amount of expense for temporary session staff (doorkeepers and other temporary staff).</p>	

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency; General Assembly.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *Indiana House and Senate Journals Index, 2014 Regular Session.*

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